

Wakefield's Tossers Brave Cold Weather

Wakefield's baseball candidates practiced outside yesterday despite the bat-breaking cold weather and Coach Mort Irwin sent his charges through a brief but thorough slugging session.

Mort's lads each took several swats in the chilly afternoon and both Irwin and assistant skipper Maynard Haithecock took a long look at the plate potency of all new aspirants who have not played ball for Wakefield in the past.

Although the Warriors were on the field for a scant hour and a half, Mort's men got in a good physical work-out. During the batting drill, which consumed most of the afternoon, Irwin had his infielders working on ground balls while his outfielders were pulling in long flies from fungo bats.

With everybody busy while waiting for his turn at the plate, Coach Irwin was satisfied that his lads had accomplished a great deal despite the briefness of the practice.

Wakefield will probably make another cut later this week, either tomorrow or Friday but Irwin is planning to take his time about scrutinizing his rookie pitching prospects.

After all the hurlers have their arms in condition to throw hard and really demonstrate their ability Irwin is expected to start hacking them off, but the moundsmen are not likely to get the axe as quickly as other candidates.